



St. John's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 11 - 24th November 2023

Our values: In Christ we are: **Joyful** in our faith , **Aspirational** in our learning, **Confident** in being me, **Caring** in our hearts.

Taken from the Gospel for Sunday 3rd December 2023 (Mark 13:33-37):

The Watcher at the Door Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I am saying to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

Stars of the week 11 & 24/11/23



Reception - Ethan for enthusiastic participation in the classroom and having a new found confidence in asking questions to adults!



Year 1 - Ameerah for consistently working hard and producing lovely work, especially in her English



Year 2 - Lilly and Evelyn for both settling in well to Year 2 and for their positive attitudes to learning!



Year 3 - Hope for going above and beyond for her peers and for constantly being a kind friend!



Year 4 - Aira for helping other children thread needles and pin templates to fabric. You are a sewing superstar!



Year 5 - Seb for his increasingly wide vocabulary and empathy.



Year 6 - Louisa for explaining why Miriam was a true protagonist, with quotes from the Bible!



Bronze Reading Awards - 50 Books

Reception - Sandy

Y1 - Julia

Y2 - Connie, Huey and Eloise

Y3 - Bayley

Y4 - Oliver

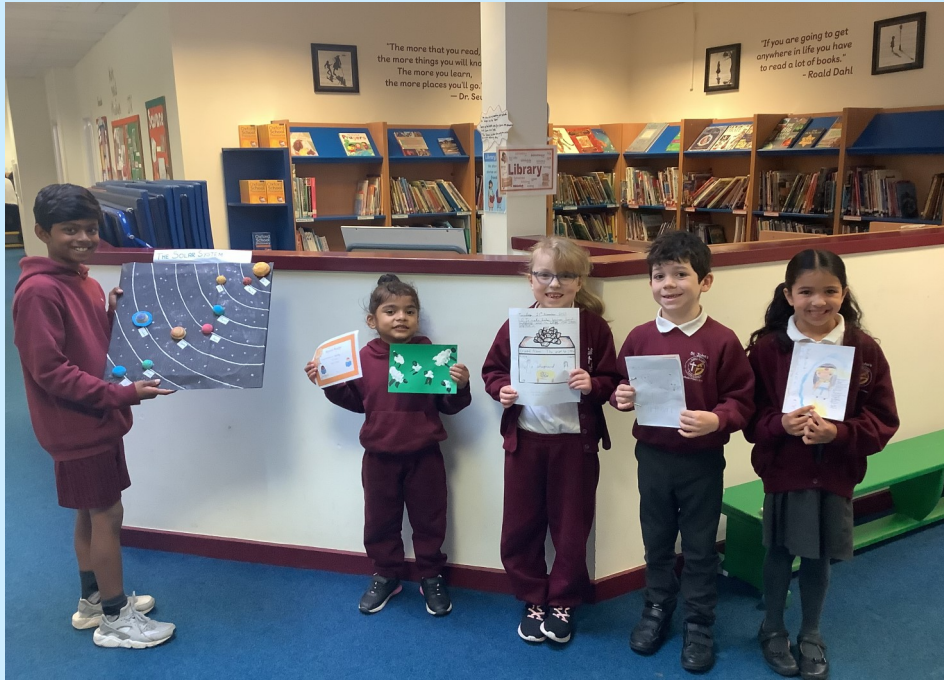
Y6 - Ava, Cassie

Attendance Award

Year 2—98%

Well Done!

Proud Work 24/11/23



YR —Sandy for painting the shepherds in the field, when learning that Jesus had been born.

Y1—Julia for her lovely artwork in RE about the angels visiting the shepherds.

Y2 — Huey for his hard work and perseverance completing his fact file on Antarctica.

Y3—Caitlyn for creating a factual booklet all about ancient Egyptians at home.

Y4—Isabelle—Mrs Curtis was very proud of your RE work depicting ‘the gift of Jesus’!

Y5 — Ahmad for his lovely model of a solar system

Y6—Simon for writing thoughtful, comforting words for someone in grief, for our comfort tree.

Year 5 Visit from Maths Department at Tanbridge House School

On Thursday, Year 5 had a visit from the mathematics department at Tanbridge House School. The children were given a clue to a mystery in the form of a giant's boot and had to work out which giant it belonged to. The children worked out the relationship between their own feet and heights and from that worked out how tall the giant could have been. It was 4.5 meters tall. The children were enthusiastic, hardworking and a credit to the school.



Parent Governor Vacancy — Reminder

I am writing to remind you that there is a vacancy for a Parent Governor on the Schools' Governing Body and to invite parents who are interested in taking up this role to put their names forward, or to nominate another parent. If you nominate another parent please ensure that they countersign the attached nomination paper.

If you are interested in standing for election as a Parent Governor, please email the Office and we can provide you with the nomination form, ensuring that you obtain the signature of 2 parents/legal guardians who support your nomination. You must also include a brief election statement. We would draw your attention to the Declaration of Eligibility that lists the criteria for qualifications and disqualifications. If more than one nomination is received, I shall send all parents voting papers, which will include the candidates' election statements.

The timescale for electing the new governor is as follows:- **Nominations to the Headteacher by 29th November 2023**. If more than one nomination is received the election will be held on **Friday 1st December at 12 noon**

Playground Update

Thank you all for understanding to the disruption in the car park this week. The children have been fantastic and very respectful of the fencing at playtimes allowing the contractors to do the work as well as being very understanding that they can't use the mile track and the field. We are nearly there as you can see from the pictures and the 7 pieces of gym equipment are in place and the ground under the bucket swing needs to be installed on Monday then we should be able to use our new equipment by the end of the week! I am sure the children are very excited, one told me.. "They were over amazed" by it and I have had lots telling me they were over excited to use it! I know the staff are excited too!



Dates for your Diary

Tonight is the Christmas fair 5pm-7pm– all welcome!

Reception and KS1 Christmas Play dates: December 11th at 2.00pm, December 12th at 2.00pm and Wednesday 13th December at 9.30am. Details to follow.

13th December 2.00pm - KS2 will be holding a depiction of the Christmas story at St John's Catholic

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB SPRING TERM '24 BOOK NOW



FUN, EXERCISE, FRESH AIR & DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES EVERY WEEK

NEW ACTIVITIES FOR THIS TERM INCLUDE:

ROMAN GIANT CATAPULT BUILD
ANIMAL AMBASSADORS "SEA TURTLES"
BUSHCRAFT & FIRE LIGHTING SKILLS
FORTNITE SPECIAL NERF
THE RANDOMISER
VIKING KUBB & WHITTILING
FLIP THE FLAG NERF
TEAM GAME & BUILD CHALLENGES
THE KEY INGREDIENT: LOTS OF FUN!

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THURSDAY 3:20 - 4:20PM
CLUB RUNS 11TH JAN - 28TH MARCH 2024
TOTAL COST: £92.50 / 11-WEEK TERM



MORE INFO & BOOK: WWW.THEOUTDOORSPROJECT.CO.UK
HOLIDAY CLUBS - BIRTHDAY PARTIES - SCHOOL WORKSHOPS - AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS - SAILINGS PARENT & TODDLER GROUP
OFSTED REGISTERED & CHILDCARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED

For every child that eats a school lunch on census day, the school receives government funding, every child counts!



CENSUS DAY!

18TH JANUARY 2024

MENU

Beef Pasta Bolognese or
Vegetarian Meatless Balls in
Tomato Sauce with Rice

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Peas or Salad

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Chocolate Brownie

If you want to try a bit of each, or enjoy a taster pot and you are in Reception, Year 1 or 2, booking the meal is still free and counts towards your school funding, so lets come together to support your school.

PLEASE BOOK YOUR MEAL ON PARENTPAY, BY 4/01/24.
 *SPECIAL DIETS WILL RECEIVE THEIR SIGNED OFF MENU.

Chartwells Order Cut Off dates

Please see below the next cut-off dates, as the cut-off date for the remainder of the term has now passed.

Cut off date for

Thursday 23:59

Week Commencing

Menu Week

Christmas Holiday		
28th December 2023	8th January 2024	Week 3
4th January 2024	15th January 2024	Week 1
11th January 2024	22nd January 2024	Week 2
18th January 2024	29th January 2024	Week 3
25th January 2024	5th February 2024	Week 1
February Half Term		
8th February 2024	19th February 2024	Week 3
15th February 2024	26th February 2024	Week 1
22nd February 2024	4th March 2024	Week 2
29th February 2024	11th March 2024	Week 3
7th March 2024	18th March 2024	Week 1
14th March 2024	25th March 2024	Week 2